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Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Broadband Industry Practices (WC Docket No. 07-52)**

Dear Chairman and Commissioners:

As a businessman and state legislator who travels constantly, I have become an avid user of my wireless PDA and mobile Internet service. Whether talking with constituents or customers, checking e-mails or doing research online, I use my wireless device almost every waking hour of the day. I know it is not uncommon – and that is my point. Today everyone wants and needs to be connected.

As demand has grown, we have seen a flurry of activity as wireless companies add cell towers and 3-G technology to strengthen and expand their networks. Wired high-speed Internet also keeps gaining importance for everything from schoolwork to online banking to government services. Internet providers are extremely competitive and consumers are benefiting from better prices and better service.

As you consider regulating the Internet with "net neutrality" rules, I encourage you to consider what our lives would be like without today's Internet and wireless services.

Senator Ed Wilkinson  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Please remember these improvements are the result of a very light-handed regulatory environment that already encourages private investment, technological innovation and open networks. Finally, ask yourself why any new regulation is needed, and how regulation can improve conditions for consumers.

Internet companies are giving American consumers what we demand, as shown by the fact that we build our days around accessibility. Therefore, I urge the FCC to think long and hard before placing any new regulations on this industry. Thank you for your consideration and your service to the public.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ed Wilkinson", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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